

Group I, Claims 1-38, 55-62, 68, 69 and 72, drawn to a semiconductor unit and module, classified in class 257, subclass 737.

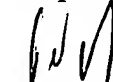
Group II, Claims 39-54, 63-67, 70, 71, and 73, drawn to a memory system, classified in class 365, subclass 149.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I and II are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-38, 55-62, 68, 69 and 72. However, applicants reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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